

## Stormwater Pollution Found in Your Area!

This is to inform you that our staff found the following pollutants in the storm sewer system in your area. See the back for ways you can help keep the stormwater leaving your home or workplace clean. This storm sewer system leads directly to \_\_\_\_\_

Antifreeze/transmission fluid

Construction debris

Cooking grease

Detergent

Excessive dirt and gravel

Home improvement waste (concrete, mortar)

Motor oil

Oil filters

Paint

Pesticides and fertilizers

Pet waste

Solvent/degreaser

Trash

Yard waste (leaves, grass, mulch)

Other \_\_\_\_\_



For more information or to report an illegal discharge of pollutants, please call: 425-388-6481 (TTY: 425-388-3700) or visit [www.surfacewater.info](http://www.surfacewater.info)

  
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## You Can Help Keep Stormwater Clean

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged "untreated" into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

### Remember...

**"Only Rain Down the Drain"**



To keep the stormwater leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Repair auto leaks.
- Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.) and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations. Call 425-388-6050 for more information.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program (425-388-6050).
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris, like concrete and mortar.